

# Fiscal Note

*Fiscal Services Division*



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**SF 2268** – Disaster Recovery Case Management for Individuals (LSB 5351SV)  
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## **Description**

**Senate File 2268** requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to coordinate case management services through local emergency management committees. The Bill requires the DHS to establish administrative rules relating to standards, policies, reporting requirements, and eligibility requirements for the statewide system of disaster case management. The Bill also creates a Business Disaster Case Management Task Force to research needed disaster recovery case management for businesses.

## **Background**

The Rebuild Iowa Office sunsets in FY 2011 and coordination duties are transitioning to other entities. There were multiple sources of funding for the Office upon its creation in FY 2009 that continued in FY 2010 and exists for FY 2011. These funds may or may not exist for future disasters coordinated by other entities.

## **Assumptions**

- There will be multiple disasters impacting multiple counties annually. Regardless of the number of annual disasters, a program coordinator within the DHS will be expected for the duties of this Bill, at an annual cost starting in FY 2012 of \$82,000.
- One-time computer programming costs are unknown until the design of the case management system is completed. Prioritization by the DHS in lieu of other computer programming within the Department in FY 2012 may be possible depending on the complexity of the proposed system.
- Minimal travel costs will be incurred annually by the DHS beginning in FY 2012.
- Optional software packages are available for case management in the event that funding is made available. The number of software licenses needed depends on the number and extent of disasters and the number of individuals expected to receive case management services per the design and upon implementation of the administrative rules.
- There is no cost of the Task Force.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The impact to the State General Fund beginning in FY 2012 is \$82,000 in addition to minimal travel and possible case management software licenses. Federal legislation is being considered for similar services that may ultimately provide federal disaster funding for the purchase of the software but it is not possible to purchase the software and receive reimbursement for it until after the federal decisions are made.

## **Sources**

Department of Human Services  
Legislative Service Agency analysis

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